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SUBJECT: Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Date of Service (DOS) for Archived Specimens

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR implements date of service (DOS) policy for tests on archived specimens and the revised DOS policy for a laboratory test that requires a specimen collection obtained from storage.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED – *Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
N	16/40.8/Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Date of Service (DOS) for Archived Specimens

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements
Manual Instruction

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Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This CR implements the revised date of service (DOS) policy for laboratory tests. It also clarifies what is/ or is not an archived specimen. This revised policy was issued by a **Federal Register** notice dated February 25, 2005 (70 FR 9357).

B. Policy: The date of service policy for laboratory tests is as follows:

General Rule: The DOS of the test shall be the date the specimen was collected.

Variation: If a specimen is collected over a period that spans two calendar days, then the DOS shall be the date the collection ended.

Exception: If a specimen was stored for more than 30 calendar days before testing (otherwise known as “an archived specimen”), the DOS of the test shall be the date the specimen was obtained from storage.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)										
		F	I	R	H	C	D	Shared System Maintainers				Other
								I	S	M	V	
						S	S	S	W	F		
4156.1	FIs and Carriers shall assure that the appropriate physician/supplier complies with the instructions in Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 16, Section 40.8 by providing effective provider education.	X				X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)							
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
4156.2	<p>A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.</p>	X		X					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: April 3, 2006</p> <p>Implementation Date: April 3, 2006</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Susan Webster at Susan.Webster@cms.hhs.gov or Wendy Knarr at Wendy.Knarr@cms.hhs.gov.</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): The appropriate regional office.</p>	<p>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</p>
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